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Murray Backs Views Of Baruch Report

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—CIO President Philip Murray endorsing "the general approach" of the Baruch report on reconversion and post-war problems, said today that it is "predicated on certain basic assumptions with which the CIO is completely sympathetic and to which we offer our wholehearted support."

At the same time, Murray offered a series of proposals for the "implementation" of the report to provide effective labor representation on all agencies dealing with reconversion problems and to assure adequate job and social security in the post-war period.

Murray's "impressions" of the report differed from those of AFL President William Green and of some liberals who had launched a frontal attack on the Baruch report and overlooked its substantially positive aspect.

ASK LABOR REPRESENTATIVE

The CIO chief was, however, in full agreement with Green on the need for assuring labor full participation in all production and post-war agencies.

Murray expressed gratification at some of the fundamental points underscored in the Baruch report in a letter which he sent to the War Production Board chairman Donald Nelson.

He said that the report "makes it very clear that there is no need for a post-war depression" and outlines the prospects for improved standards of living and improved opportunities.

"They are narrow, limited party politicians," he charged. "They have along with the discredited Dies Committee raised their only issue—the fake issue—in the present primary contest. They know they are beaten, and beaten, they are determined to tear down the rest of the labor movement with. Of course they will fail."

He branded the press rumor of an alleged meeting of CIO leaders with Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party "as another desperate smear attempt."

"Unless these charges are fully corroborated," Hillman's statement continued, "the only conclusion that can be drawn is that the reports are false and part of a conspiratorial pattern to destroy labor's political action in New York State in 1944, as well as elsewhere."

As chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, he has "repudiated and will repudiate attempts by anyone anywhere to make CIO political action the tail to any kite, whether it be Communist, Socialist, or any minority group or clique," Hillman said.

Honest men everywhere recognize his proposals for reorganization of the CIO as a permanent guarantee against clique control, Hillman asserted. For that reason they are bitterly opposed by the present state leaders.

"These proposals mean broadening the base of the party and demonstrating the base of the party and demo-

U. S. Opposes 'White Paper,' FDR Declares

By Abraham Chapman

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The American government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939. President Roosevelt today told Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, co-chairmen of the American Zionist Emergency Council. After conferring at the White House, the two Jewish leaders declared:

"The President authorized us to say that the American government has never given its approval to the White Paper of 1939."

"The President is happy that doors of Palestine are today open to Jewish refugees."

"When future decisions are reached, full justice will be done to those who seek a Jewish national home, for which our government and the American people have always had the deepest sympathy, and today more than ever in view of the tragic plight of hundreds of thousands of homeless Jewish refugees."

GREET STATEMENT

The statement was enthusiastically greeted by leaders of government, education, labor, industry and religion from all parts of the nation assembled here in an all-day conference at the Statler Hotel.

The conference was sponsored by the American Palestine Committee in cooperation with the AFL-CIO, the Free World Association, the Christian Council on Palestine, the Union for Democratic Action, the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice and the United Christian Council for Democracy.

The White Paper, which would bar Jewish immigration into Palestine and would impose discriminatory restriction against the 600,000 Jews in Palestine, is scheduled to

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Thanks, FDR Tells County ALP

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, March 9.—Governor Dewey's budget director gave Republican leaders of the legislature today the necessary ammunition with which to try to suppress the revolt in the legislature against the reduction in state aid to education included in the Governor's budget for 1944-45.

Major recommendations in Murray's letter were:

"Effective participation of labor on the War Production Board in dealing with the planning and programming of maximum war production, necessary civilian production and contract cancellation."

The adoption of the CIO proposed "industry council plan" for three way representation of labor, government and the public.

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Browder Hits Colliers For Article on Hull

Asserting that "certain aspects of America's foreign policy still need modernization," Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, yesterday reiterated support for Secretary of State Cordell Hull's leadership at the Moscow conference and his "bold handling of the pro-Nazi coup in Bolivia."

Browder's declaration came as a denial of a current Collier's story entitled "The War on Cordell Hull," in which the professional propagandist George Creel sacrifices to the Communist leader a campaign against Hull.

"I have never led nor participated in any kind of campaign against Mr. Cordell Hull," stated the letter sent to Colliers.

The full text follows:

In your current issue dated March 11, the article of George Creel dealing with "The War on Cordell Hull" says that "the drives (against Mr. Hull) were led by Earl Browder."

May I inform your readers that Mr. Creel had been misinformed, and has therefore, no doubt inadvertently, misinformed your readers? I have never led nor participated in any kind of campaign against Mr. Cordell Hull.

On the contrary, I have taken pains to give public praise to Mr. Hull, in particular for his leading role in carrying through the Moscow Conference which laid the foundations for President Roosevelt's achievement at Tehran; and for his sagacious and bold handling of the pro-Nazi coup in Bolivia, by which he stopped the advance of our enemy's political offensive in the Americas.

While I have often in the past expressed criticism, and am firmly of the opinion that certain aspects of America's foreign policy still need modernization. I am not in sympathy with any campaign that is conducted against Mr. Hull on the basis of these issues, and I do not hold Mr. Hull responsible personally for what I think are mistakes.

Mr. Hull has my support, as well as my deep respect and admiration. I sincerely hope he will continue as our Secretary of State for many more years.

GOP 'Justifies'
State Aid Cut

(Special to the Daily Worker)

President Roosevelt, through his secretary, William D. Hassett, yesterday thanked Rep. Vito Marcantonio, chairman of the N. Y. County Committee of the ALP for the ALP's support of Roosevelt's veto of the tax bill.

The letter follows:

"The President has asked me to thank you and Mr. Connally for your letter approving his veto of the tax bill. I need hardly assure you that he deeply appreciates this expression of confidence in his leadership, even though it is not possible for him to make personal acknowledgement."

The adoption of the CIO proposed "industry council plan" for three way representation of labor, government and the public.

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Zhukov's Army Battles Way Into Tarnopol

LONDON, March 9 (UPI)—Red

Army troops have slashed 37 miles into the last German salient along the Dnieper River in a smashing new offensive carrying them within 40 miles of the Black Sea port of Nikolaev and in the Western Ukraine have battled into the streets of the rail junction of Tarnopol, a

four-mile thick cloud blanket and unloaded thousands of incendiaries upon the stricken German capital.

Moving against the last buckling German defenses in the Ukraine with overwhelming power, the Red Army also captured the big German defense base of Starokonstantinov, 34 miles northeast of Proskurov.

Two Orders of the Day by Premier Joseph Stalin and the Central Committee commando revealed the opening of what ap-

peared to be the decisive phase of the Ukraine's long struggle to free the Ukraine and crush Field Marshal Fritz von Mannstein's German armies.

On Monday and Wednesday,

the planes converged on Berlin from several directions on perfect schedule to drop their hundreds of tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs through the thick overcast and smoke of fire.

As they turned away from Berlin, huge columns of brown smoke were curling through the clouds, indicating that the bombardiers had hit their assigned targets.

More than 200 other towns fell in the sweeping drive deep into the rank of the German salient anchored at Khrushchev.

About 8,000 Germans have been killed in the new four-day offensive and 2,000 others taken prisoner, the communists announced, while huge amounts of booty fell to the Soviets including 67 tanks and 175 field guns.

Capturing 100 other towns in addition to Starokonstantinov, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's Third Ukraine Army made a fresh advance of nearly 10 miles in the Western Ukraine and battered its way into Tarnopol where "street fighting has begun," the communists said.

"For years the unity of our Party has been a marvel in the political life of the country. Seeing other parties torn with strife, there has been wonderment as to how our Party has been able to maintain its splendid unity for years and years. Now, the enemies of our Party think that they see an opportunity to deliver a blow at this prided unity.

"But they will be sorely disappointed. Our Party is unified and will remain so. Comrade Browder's report was adopted unanimously by the National Committee. Such discussions of it as have taken place within the Party do not touch upon the main line of that report, which outlined the tremendous significance of Tehran, but turn about the further clarification of questions of secondary importance.

"When our Party holds its convention beginning May 30, the whole country will witness a demonstration of its unbreakable unity."

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closed to have been under way for four days, carried his troops through the district centers of Novy Bug and Kasanets, 42 and 27 miles west of Krivoy Rog respectively. The four-day gains ranged between 19 and 37 miles, the Red Army having already forced the Ingulets into a limited front prior to the opening of the drive.

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Nazi Harbingers of Disaster on Scene

By a Veteran Commander

GERMAN troops on the Eastern Front are always depressed by the appearance of their own big transport planes over the lines, say front-line reports. They remember Stalingrad, Taganrog, Kastornoye and Kursk and know that when the big "flying porpoises" start waddling around—German troops are in dire trouble somewhere.

German transports have appeared over the area of Marshal Zhukov's breakthrough, even to dropping gasoline for their troops—which have fallen into Soviet hands.

The area where the Germans are in real trouble appears to be the pocket around Starokonstantinov. While Soviet troops are in the northern outskirts of the town, flying wedges of tanks and cavalry have penetrated about 20 miles to the southwest and southeast of the town. They are conducting what is termed "parallel pursuit." They move across country parallel to the roads to which the Germans are tied by the thaw and mud, keeping either abreast of the enemy and delivering continuous flank blows to his retreating columns on the roads, or outdistancing him and cutting in on his path of retreat.

Marshal Zhukov, having attained his immediate objectives in capturing Podvolochnik and Cherny Ostrom, is now moving in on Starokonstantinov and Proskurov east of the breakthrough and will soon be moving on Ternopol, Kremenchuk and Dubno west of it.

There is no official Soviet news of action on the rest of the front, although the Germans announce Soviet offensive action at Narva, on the road to Orsha, at Zvenigorodka, Krivoi Rog and even Kerch.

NEWS has just come through that U. S. bombers have again struck en masse at Berlin, making it the third onslaught this week. The operations are tremendous. They are masterpieces of organization. They offer extraordinary examples of heroism. But war is not waged in order to display organization and heroism. War is being waged to crush the enemy and subject his will to ours. This is hardly being achieved by mass bombings and certain strays in the wind showing that there are still powerful military groups which insist that Germany can be licked from the air alone are dangerous omens.

In this connection we offer the opinion of Lieutenant-General Boris Sterligov of the Soviet Air Force expressed in *Red Star*. It completely coincides with our view expressed so many times in these columns. Says General Sterligov (who was the navigator of the plane "Strana Sovetov" when it flew to this country in 1929):

"Foreign military specialists say these operations are strategic bombing—designed to weaken the war effort, disrupt transport and break down morale. The role of the bomber is extremely great but it doesn't mean it can solve any strategic problems.

"Some foreign observers seek to prove that by air raids it is possible completely to demoralize Hitlerite Germany, deprive it of the capacity to resist and eventually force it to capitulate. There is no necessity to disprove this theory because the battles of the second world war have sufficiently proved the infallibility of the principle that the issues of the war can be decided only by the active operations of a land army of many millions, in cooperation with air and sea forces."

Amen.

Rankin Would Rather Be A Mocking Bird

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi would rather be a mocking bird than a "venemous toad" or a "loathsome reptile."

That at least was what Rankin told the House yesterday in announcing that he has won his 20-year crusade to make the mocking bird the official bird of Mississippi.

Rankin inserted in the Congressional record a speech which he made 20 years ago in launching this campaign. Among other choice gems in this speech was the following:

"I would rather be the mocking bird which Longfellow has described as 'swinging aloft on a willow spray' and shaking from his little throat such floods of delirious music that all the world would seem to pause and listen, to live for one short hour, than to be the venomous toad and exist through out a century, or to be the loathsome reptile and live a thousand years."

There was considerable regret in the press gallery and in the cloak room that Rankin has not been able to achieve this life-long ambition.

Impatient' to Fight-Camacho

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

MEXICO CITY, March 9.—Affirming that an Allied decision had been reached allowing for Mexico's participation in the war, President Manuel Avila Camacho said that he had been "intently and impatiently" waiting for the moment when Mexican soldiers would carry their flag to the fighting fronts.

Addressing the Mexican Air Force on Wednesday, President Camacho said:

"The responsibility of conducting our flag will fall on you, the Mexican Air Force."

Camacho, in a speech considered by many here as being the President's strongest statement thus far in favor of Mexico's entry in the war, told the Air Force:

"I will determine the date on which our flag will be entrusted upon your courage."

Chapman Teaches At Jefferson

Abraham Chapman, English editor of the "Morning Freibelt," will be one of the instructors of the Jefferson School's two-week morning seminar on "The Jewish People in the War and in the Post-War World," which starts March 20.

Both Jewish and non-Jewish students, including several Negroes, have already registered for the seminar, which runs from March 20 to March 31. The class meets from Monday to Friday, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. The fee is \$12. Those who wish to reserve places should write to the Jefferson School at 575 Sixth Ave.

Rev. White to Speak

The Rev. Eliot White will be guest speaker tonight (Friday) at a meeting of Tom Mooney Lodge 817 at the International Workers Order Community Center, 2075 86th St., Brooklyn. A film short on "Race Hate Outbreaks—Hoodlumism or Fifth Column" will be shown.

Bare Hitler Talk With Mikhailovitch Aide

Trieste Meeting Promised Aid in War Against Tito

(By Writers to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, March 9.—Adolph Hitler met one of Draja Mikhailovitch's chief lieutenants in Trieste on Feb. 20 to work out new forms of cooperation against the People's Liberation Army, the "Free Yugoslavia" radio reports today in a broadcast heard here.

The Mikhailovitch lieutenant is the notorious Dobroslav Jevdjevich, a political delegate of the Royal Yugoslav government-in-exile to the Chechens. He is the man who established contact with the fascist Italian High Command in Dalmatia and Herzegovina last year, to which Winston Churchill referred in his Feb. 22 speech.

MET IN TRIESTE

The meeting took place at the Hotel Continental in Trieste, shortly after Hitler arrived there, says the "Free Yugoslavia" radio.

One of his decisions placed Jevdjevich in direct command of the remaining Chechens forces in Dalmatia and Bosnia where they are to cooperate more closely with the German offensive against the Yugoslav partisan forces, led by Marshal Tito.

A second conference took place on Feb. 23 in the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana. Representatives of the Chechens leaders conferred with two spokesmen for the reactionary Croatian Peasant Party, headed by Dr. Anton Matchek.

In this way the Nazis are arranging for a tighter collaboration of the Mikhailovitch forces and their own, while simultaneously strengthening the subversive collaboration of the Serbian fascist bands with the Croatian fascist "Ustashi" and their supporters in Matchek's Peasant Party.

NAZIS PROMISE AID

The first conference had greater success than the second, it is reported here.

The Germans have promised Jevdjevich reinforcements up to a thousand men. These will be selected from prison camps in Germany and northern Italy.

The Slovenian traitor, Karlo Novak, will be permitted to form and call his units part of the "Regular Yugoslav Army of King Peter." But since his own forces are depleted, the Germans will reinforce them through the deal with Jevdjevich.

Jevdjevich is well known throughout the Balkans as one of Mikhailovitch's chief agents in western Yugoslavia. After the Italian capitulation, he fled to Venice where he now makes his headquarters.

The second conference took place between Gilasino, one of Jevdjevich's subordinates, and two members of the reactionary Croatian Peasant Party. They are Rupnik and Kostic, according to the "Free Yugoslavia" radio.

A group of fascist Slovenes and Croatians also took part. There was some difficulty in compromising the fascist Serb and fascist Croatian demands since they could not agree on a division of the territories where both the Serb and Croatian peoples live side by side.

It was decided to let the Germans adjudicate this matter, in order to consolidate actual cooperation against the People's Liberation Army and its provisional government, which is a true united front of all the Yugoslav nationalities.

In the same broadcast, it is made known that further conferences have taken place at Zagreb, the Ustashi capital, in the first half of February.

These were concerned with the eventualty of Germany's defeat. Dr. Matchek's representatives and the Croatian fascists led by Anton Pavlich agreed that certain Ustashi units would join Matchek's "Peasant Defense" corps.

In return, it was promised in Matchek's name that the highest leaders of the Ustashi would be shielded by the People's Courts which are expected to arise in Croatia.

Dewey Lampooned in Albany Reporters' Show

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, March 9.—It certainly was "a beautiful morning" at the "joint national convention" of the Republican and Democratic parties at Chicago. And the stakes in the political poker game between Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and President Roosevelt were the highest in the land—the presidency.

Such was the setting in the Legislative Correspondents Association's 44th annual show last night, attended by almost 400 guests. Virtually every state political leader, including the Governor, and several national figures, were present.

Highlight of the lampooning was a poker game among Dewey, Mr. Roosevelt, Chiang Kai-shek, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin. One by one Chiang Kai-shek, Churchill and Stalin drop out. Finally Dewey "folds" after futilely

U.S., Soviet Scientists Stress Post-War Ties

Blood plasma given to soldiers suffering from shock and light wounds has saved the lives of countless thousands.

And no small credit for this goes to Dr. Walter B. Cannon, eminent physiologist who pioneered in the study and treatment of shock. Professor Emeritus of Physiology at Harvard University, he is now a visiting professor at the New York University College of Medicine.

His distinguished colleagues in the world of medicine and science paid high tribute to his work at a dinner Wednesday evening at the Hotel Commodore under the sponsorship of the American Soviet Medical Society. More than 350 members and their friends attended. Dr. Cannon is president of the society.

The noted Soviet surgeon, Dr. Vladimir B. Lebedenko, representing the Red Cross and Red Crescent here, brought the good wishes of the Soviet people and the Red Army. "Dr. Cannon's contributions have considerably reduced mortality from light wounds in the Red Army. The Soviet people are grateful," he said.

Speaking of the American-Soviet Medical Society formed less than a year ago, which already has a membership of 1,500, Lebedenko stated: "we must speed the process of scientific enlightenment to foster and promote scientific understanding. From the bottom of my heart and in the name of the Soviet people of my country I wish you success."

INTERNATIONAL UNITY

Rear Admiral Kent C. Melhorn of the U. S. Navy Medical Corps who represented Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, dwelt on Dr. Cannon's achievements and asserted international collaboration will be furthered "when individuals from one country can visit another." Speaking of the Soviet Union's efforts to promote collective security through the League of Nations, the Rear Admiral said if that had been achieved "perhaps this terrible war would never have occurred."

A stalwart supporter of the Spanish Republic and the Chinese people, Dr. Cannon told how his education as an anti-fascist progressed as he watched the fascist dictators become bold.

"If the American and Russian people work together," he added, "make the mockings bird the official bird of Mississippi."

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go into effect at the end of this month.

Senator Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the American Palestine Committee, blasted the White Paper as "Palestine's Munich."

At the closing dinner of the conference, he declared that the White Paper "must be torn to bits in order that the hopes of the Jewish people and of humanity may have a new birth of freedom."

The national conference also expressed support of the Palestine resolution now before the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee. This resolution has met less support than the single demand for the abrogation of the White Paper, since it also urges a Jewish state in Palestine, a purely Zionist proposal.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council, expressed the hope that the U. S. military authorities "will soon find it possible, consistent with the realities of the situation, to withdraw their objections to the resolutions, so that the Congress of the United States may be given the opportunity to speak its mind on this tremendously important question."

RAP ARAB LEADERS

Dr. Silver was extremely critical of British policy on Palestine and bitterly denounced the leaders of the Arab governments in the Near East who have protested against the Palestine discussions in Congress without expressing any sympathy for the plight of the Jews.

Assistant U. S. Attorney General Norman M. Little greeted the conference in behalf of the "National Committee Against Nazi Extermination and Prosecution of the Jews." Other speakers were Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk of the U. S. Oil Conservation Bureau; Paul V. McNutt, Congressman George E. Oliphant of California, Dr. Carl J. Friedrich of Harvard University, Prof. William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor-in-chief of the Christian Herald, and Senator Robert Taft of Ohio.

Mr. Hanson lashed out at Finland's objection to interning Nazi troops because, so the Finns argue, it would turn Finland into the same type of battlefield that prevails in Italy.

Must Force Helsinki Out, Kiwanians Hear

(Special to the Daily Worker)

KEARNY, March 9.—Determined action by the United States, in cooperation with the Soviet Union, will succeed in knocking Finland out of the war, declared Rudy Hanson, secretary of the National Committee of the Finnish-American Trade Unionists.

Addressing the Kiwanis Club last night Mr. Hanson, representative of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers CIO, disclosed that during a recent visit to the State Department he received assurance from Mr. Hugh S. Cummings, Chief of Northern European Affairs, that the United States would act jointly with the Allies to get Finland out of the war.

Were the Nazis to be interned, it would force the Finnish government to seek the support of the Finnish people—and the influence of the Nazi policies in Finland would be finally curtailed.

Unionists Here Ask Arms for N. Italy

Fifteen Italian-American CIO and AFL trade union leaders yesterday called upon President Roosevelt "to take steps to provide for immediate shipments of arms to northern Italian partisans and grant full recognition to the Committee for National Liberation." The appeal was contained in a telegram.

Full text of the telegram sent to the President reads:

"Six million Italian workers in Northern and Central Italy are on strike against the Nazi occupation forces. Italian partisans are sabotaging and hampering the German war machine."

"Hundreds of these workers have been killed and thousands imprisoned. Their heroic efforts are saving thousands of American lives and are bringing closer the day of complete liberation of the entire Italian peninsula."

"Speedy victory urgently requires that their call for aid be answered. We urge you as Commander-in-Chief to take steps to provide for the immediate shipments of arms to the Northern Italian partisan fighters and to grant full recognition to the Committee for National Liberation and thus enable the anti-fascist Italian people to lend their full support and aid to the United Nations' defeat of the Axis."

"We Resolve"



THE fulfillment of the Tehran decision to invade Europe from the West will have momentous practical consequences. The casualty lists of American and Allied fighters will increase manifold. The need of plasma and medical supplies, as well as medical care, will grow with every minute of the offensive and every foot of advance into enemy territory. The numbers of our men and women in service falling into enemy hands as prisoners of war must inevitably expand. The tasks of giving aid and comfort to our attacking forces who may suffer as victims of fascist atrocities are a compelling challenge which we, on the home front, are responsible to meet.

The American Red Cross stands forth as one of the supreme agencies to mobilize, organize and administer relief adequate to the enormous scale of combat. The Red Cross has proven itself to be the humane companion of our fighting forces, worthy of the fullest support by every individual and organization in our land.

It is, therefore, the duty of every member, Lodge and Committee in our Order to participate in the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund Drive during March. Our members should individually join the Red Cross, and our National Group Sections and districts should take specific steps to help bring the campaign to a most successful conclusion.

Toward these ends the General Executive Board endorses the American Red Cross War Fund Campaign and urges all IWO executive bodies to act in accordance with these policies. (Adopted at Session of GEB, Feb. 13, 1944—N. Y. C.)

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Spotlight on GOP Terror Worries Dewey

89 Billion in Nation's Savings Is Stake in GOP-Poll Taxer Drive on Subsidies

By Louise Mitchell

Price Administrator Chester Bowles' disclosure that the Office of Price Administration saved the American people \$80,000,000,000 in 1943 revealed the stake GOP-poll tax reactionaries have in killing all price control.

A new profiteers' game against the President's anti-inflation program is being played in Congress to wreck subsidies, skyrocket prices and profits, when the Price Stabilization Act comes up for renewal June 30.

Having failed to put over their price steal in the Commodity Credit Corporation, Congressional disruptors and defeatists aim to cripple price control legislation with anti-subsidy amendments. They are preparing for the same disgusting "to hell with the war" partisan struggle now going on under the federal soldier ballot in order to put their profit-itchy fingers on the \$87,000,-

000,000 saved the government in war materials and \$22,000,000,000 saved consumers in civilian goods and services last year.

Rep. Joe Martin, Republican leader in the House, anxious to incite anti-Administration sentiment, has cracked the whip for prompt action. Three Congressional committees are working on price control legislation. One of these headed by Rep. Howard Smith, D. Va., is now ready to hear complaints of industry leaders affected by OPA regulations.

SPARING PROFITS
The maneuver to kill subsidies is part of the shameless scheme to fix the whole burden of the war on the people's back in the form of exorbitant prices and taxes while sparing record-high profits.

Economic Stabilization Director Fred Vinson pointed out Wednesday that weakening of present economic controls would add billions of dollars to the cost of the war,

sharply raise living costs and hamper the government's fight against inflation.

With all its weaknesses, OPA has managed to thwart the great profit grab anticipated by the farm bloc, trusts and speculators. Bowles said their elimination would cost Americans \$8,000,000,000 while the CIO claimed the real cost would be twice that amount. Dozens of labor, consumer, farmer and women's organizations pointed out that a \$2,000,000,000 subsidy saved the nation from \$15 billions.

The President who vetoed the CIO bill with its anti-subsidy amendment because it was "an inflation measure, a high cost of living measure, a food shortage measure," will need the support of patriotic Americans against the GOP-poll tax coalition determined to bring on domestic chaos. The chief executive will only feel free to veto any new anti-subsidy measures if he has the substantial support of Congress and the people.

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dam has far too many leaks in it already but the current drive will blow the whole thing up.

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A mass meeting here of more than 1,000 Negro and white citizens last Tuesday packed the largest hall in town. It was a bitter protest against the terroristic work of the Dewey investigators among the Negro people.

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Ben Davis to Speak At Chelsea Club

City Councilman Ben J. Davis, Jr., will discuss city problems Wednesday night, March 15, at a meeting of the Communist Chelsea Club, 280 W. 25th St. Four hundred voters

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St. Louis Cutbacks Under U.S. Survey

ST. LOUIS, March 9 (FP).—As a result of action by a united labor movement, a technical commission of the War Department, War Production Board and War Manpower Commission was scheduled to begin a study of problems arising from mass layoffs in local war plants due to production cutbacks.

Policies worked out may set a national precedent for federal action on cutbacks.

The study was ordered after the United Labor Committee, facing unemployment of an estimated 37,500 AFL and CIO members by the end of March, demanded that Mayor Alvey P. Kaufman appoint a city-wide labor and industry committee to go to Washington to seek more war contracts.

The mayor wired the demand for action to Washington authorities.

At the same time, representatives of United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, conferred with these officials in Washington about the sudden layoff of 12,500 workers from US Cartridge Co.

Basic of the technical commission's study will be a report prepared by labor which proposes these steps:

1. Maintenance of St. Louis as a war production center by using available facilities for radar and radio production, batteries, ball bearings, aircraft and other war essentials.

2. Bullet production to be continued here, with cutbacks transferred to privately-owned plants in labor shortage areas.

3. A public works program within war needs limits and resumption of civilian production after essential war needs are fulfilled.

In proposing this program, labor showed that fewer than 13,000 jobs are listed with the U.S. Employment Service to absorb the more than 30,000 recently laid off workers.

AFL and CIO leaders rallied strong support behind their campaign to preserve St. Louis' war economy. At their request the mayor is forming a committee of representatives of the AFL, CIO, Chamber of Commerce, business, industry and civic groups to assist the government commission.

CIO Office Union Wins at Shipyard

WILMINGTON, Del., March 9.—The CIO United Office & Professional Workers was chosen sole bargaining agent by white collar workers at the Dravo Shipyards here in a National Labor Relations Board poll whose results were just announced.

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Rose Red-Baiting Hits a New Low

The Rose-Dubinsky gang in the AFL—that little clique which has been thoroughly repudiated by the overwhelming majority of trade unionists who have lined up behind the democratic Committee for a United AFL—yesterday performed another ridiculous move which highlights their growing desperation.

Mr. Rose, hysterically flinging every red-baiting trick he knows (and he has a bagful of them) issued an "open letter" to Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, demanding that Hillman "disassociate" himself from the Committee for a United Labor Party. In his letter, Rose repeated the latest slanders and fabrications of Frederick Woltman, Scripps-Howard's ace red-baiter and, of course, the right wing's house organ, the New York Post.

Only a few days ago, Mr. Rose called on Philip Murray to "repudiate" Hillman. In his latest move, he wants Hillman to disassociate himself from Hillman.

The raw nerve centers of the Rose-Dubinsky crowd have been probed out and exposed by the tremendous swing of all serious-minded trade unionists and leaders who have shown more concern with building a united, powerful AFL than with the unprincipled rule-or-rules ambitions of the right wing segment.

What particularly infuriates the Rose crowd, and this accounts for the latest outpouring of red-baiting, are the results of the petition drive for the AFL primaries wherever the Rose-Dubinsky minority could only muster some 18,000 signatures, despite the fact they mobilized every last man for the job, compared to some 37,000 signatures for the unity committee. If the supporters of a united Labor Party continue to work as hard and effectively, Mr. Rose and Mr. Dubinsky will have to retire to the political cloisters and engage in an extensive study of Baron Munchausen.

AFL members must expect a slanderous, lying campaign that will mount in fury between now and the elections. Knowing they are defeated, the Rose clique will stop at nothing. They can only hope to spread confusion and disruption. As in all their past campaigns, they will fail this time.

Mistrial Declared In Noxon Case

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 9 (UP).—A mistrial was declared today in the trial of John F. Noxon, Jr., 47, charged with electrocuting his sub-normal six months old son, because of the illness of a juror.

WHAT'S ON

Tomorrow Manhattan

JOSIE WHITE, Bur. Ives, Muriel Smith and Luther Saxon of "Carmen Jones," Anti-Poll Tax Party, 16th West 39th.

HOP WITH THE GRAMMERS and Cheesemakers. 8:30 P.M. at the Hotel New Haven.

HOUSE WARMING PARTY—Fun, food, frolic. Come and have a wonderful time.

8:30 P.M. at 1 East Fordham Rd.

Fordham Victory Club.

Coming

THEATRE WORKSHOP COCKTAIL PARTY presenting Irwin Corey, Ginger Leadbitter, Ossie Davis, and others.

12th. Village Vanguard, 11th St. and 12th Ave. South. Adm. \$1.00.

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"BOLIVIA AND THE WAR"—Dr. Philip Foner will speak on this topic at the Kingsbridge Club tonite at 8:30 E. Kingsbridge Road. Skit, discussion, etc., for only 35¢.

TONIGHT

Manhattan

FRIDAY PROLIC—Manhattan Youth Club presents Cass Carr's distinctive music and entertainment. 8:30 P.M. at Lincoln Square Center, B'way at 68th St. Adm. 50¢.

INTERPRETATION OF THE WEEK—A new Friday evening series of news analysis. 8:30 P.M. Charlie Lighthbody interprets the week's news. Jefferson School of Social Science, 57th Sixth Ave. Adm. 50¢.

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Literary Lookout

By SAMUEL PUTNAM

THIS column is in receipt of the following letter, which speaks for itself, and, we should say, most eloquently:

"We are sending you five dollars as a beginning toward a memorial fund for Tony Marano, a comrade who, with eight hundred other soldiers, went down with their ship en route overseas. He would have liked the idea of The Worker in this way. This will be the first of a fairly regular series of contributions on our part.

But we feel that others who knew him would cooperate in building this fund, especially down in Greenwich Village.

"Now, Tony was as good a comrade as you will find in many a day; sincere and loyal and good. The type that would do any little job, a Jimmy Higgins sort of guy.

He wasn't always as articulate as he would have liked to be. He

would often search for words in

addressing a meeting, in trying

to make himself understood. But whether it was

canvassing with The Worker, or acting as chairman of a meeting, or raising his voice in a discussion, or giving an opinion on work to be done—we would listen and respond.

"That is why we feel it fitting that he be remembered in the one way he would have liked. By supporting the paper he believed in. We must show the world that we remember our own and perpetuate their memory. Not because he was an exceptional person, but because he was an ordinary fellow like the rest of us, who tried to do his best—whatever that best might be.

"We close in the hope that you will see fit to print this letter, so that others who will may add to the fund as we expect to do in the future.

"FAY AND BOB GERARD."

I do not think that anything needs to be added to the foregoing letter. Indeed, I do not think that

Suggests Memorial for Soldier Who Gave Life

I could add anything that would make it more eloquent than it is.

Personally, I did not have the pleasure and the honor of knowing Tony Marano, but he was, obviously, the type of comrade of which the Communist Party is built. I always feel very humble in the presence of such comrades as these. They give their all and give it so freely, unstintingly, give it so joyfully, that anything a white collar guy like myself can do seems puny by comparison. They give to the last ounce of their strength and energy, and are ready to lay down their lives, as hundreds of them have done.

And the beautiful thing about it all is, they ask no recognition, no reward; the Party and its work has come to mean for them life itself; it is in the food they eat, the air they breathe; without it, I am convinced, they would cease to live, just as one cannot live when cut off from his vital sustenance or supply of oxygen.

One cannot speak for another; but I feel certain that in the case of such as these, even the supreme sacrifice comes as the final, crowning joy in a life of joyous struggle and day by day performance of tasks well done. Yes, I am sure, they lay down their lives gladly, not because they do not love life, but for the reason that they do love it so very, very much.

It is only the lovers of life who are not afraid to die that life itself may live.

Tony Marano was not only a Communist Party member; he was a worker and a soldier as well. It is indeed a tragedy that he could not have lived to see that bright new world for which he fought—a world of ceaseless struggle still, but one of ever brightening hope—the world that dawned at Tehran!

For the sake of Tony and of thousands like him, we must make that world a reality by seeing that the golden-hued promise of the dawn grows and expands into the dazzling brightness of an unblemished moon.

film review

The Purple Heart



Dana Andrews, Sam Levene and Donald Barry are seen with a large representation of medal from which 'The Purple Heart' takes its name.

Sonata and Sonata-Form

By Frank Newman

I RECENTLY heard—or rather overheard—a young woman defining a symphony for the benefit of her less cultured boy friend. "A symphony," she explained, "is when a lot of musicians get together and play at the same time." Needless to say musical readers of this paper can bat out a higher average than that when it comes to defining musical terms: there are more) are called the principal subject and the secondary subject (or counter-subject).

And now, having announced your principal themes in what is called the exposition (the first section of the first movement), what would you do next? You would want to show them off, would you not?—so put them through their paces, so to speak—to demonstrate what you could do with them.

Free Reign to Fancy Next

You would develop them; you would give free reign to your fancy in giving them a work-out (this second section of the first movement, remember, is called the development, or free fantasia, or working-out section).

In other words you would proceed to present your theme in innumerable changes of key (modulations), playing them fast (in diminution), slow (in augmentation), upside-down (inversion), against each other (counter-point), sometimes beginning the second theme before finishing the first (stretto), or beginning the first-note of the second on the last note of the first (canon) etc., etc. And when you had exhausted your powers of invention, naturally, you would bring your themes back down to earth, to speak, and restore them in their original form and key in what is called the recapitulation.

The Sonata Is A Logical Form

A well-known writer on music once explained in a moment of impatience that it would have been a good thing for music if the sonata-form had never been invented. He was exasperated by the fact that much music which might have been fitted into what had become (at least until Liszt invented the tone-poem) something of a Procrustean bed for instrumental music. But for all this the sonata is structurally such a logical musical form that its development was inevitable; if Haydn had not perfected it, doubtless Mozart would have.

Suppose, for example, that you are a composer and have hit upon a striking theme for a composition. You would write it down, and what would you do next? You couldn't go on repeating the same theme, even with variations, unless you were content with writing the brief sort of composition known as a rondo, and so, quite naturally, you would introduce a second-theme, which for the sake of contrast would be as different as possible from the first.

These two themes (sometimes phony, sometimes not) are shown in the first movement of a sonata is written in common and andante time (a brisk marching tempo), and for this reason the second movement will just as frequently be a slow movement—such as an adagio or largo—again for the sake of contrast. The concluding movement is apt to be a fast and furious wind-up in presto or vivace or at least allegro tempo; and if there are four movements instead of three the third is apt to distinguish itself from the rest by being in three-four time like the minuet of the typical Haydn or Mozart symphony or by being written in a playful or jocular vein, like the scherzo which Beethoven substituted for the minuet of the classical symphony.

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Music Review

Richard Dyer-Bennet, the young ballad singer—who has sung at union meetings, second front rallies, festivals of folk music and "village night spots"—made his Town Hall debut on Saturday evening, March 4. He was warmly greeted by lovers of folk music who filled that hall to capacity.

Mr. Dyer-Bennet is a sensitive artist, a keen interpreter—a twentieth-century minstrel—who conveys the moods and fancies of his many songs in a delightful manner. His diction, shading and delicate nuances of tone, together with his charming guitar accompaniments enhanced the beauty of his songs.

For this occasion, the ballader chose tender Elizabethan love songs, ballads of Lords and Ladies and folk songs from Ireland, Scotland and America. Perhaps too many of his offerings were songs that minstrels of the Middle Ages might sing to entertain their aristocratic masters and did not reflect the appalling realities of medieval life. It was when he sang songs closer to the people, songs of social significance, like the American work song "Drill Ye Tarriers, Drill"; that his audience cheered him. His encores songs of Norway and of Alexander Nevsky's warning that "who enters Russia by the sword, by the sword shall be slain," brought the recital to a rousing climax.

LOUIS KANTOROVSKY.

Radio Highlights

MUSIC
7:30-8 P.M., WQXR—The Strings, Leon Barzin conducting.
8:30-9:35 P.M., WNYC—(also 8 P.M.)—Sidney Hall.
9:30-10:45 P.M., WQXR—Beatrice Mary soprano.

7:30-8 P.M., WQXR—Lisa Sergio, Comments.
8:30-9 P.M., WNYC—Fire-Ship Final—News.
9:30 P.M., WNYC—Johannes Stiel, Comments.

10 P.M., WOR—Boxing—Bakst v. Savold.

10:30 P.M., WEFAP—The Future of Agriculture—Matthew J. Ladd.

10:45 P.M., WZN—Fort Worth Championship Bronc Riding Contest.

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What About the Big Fry, Uncle?



The Sedition Charge

THE government's "bill of particulars" in the case of the Nazi agents is a document whose implications go beyond the immediate issue. It is good to see reaffirmed the uncompromising charge that men like Joseph McWilliams, Dudley Peiley, James True and George Sylvester Viereck were in fact puppets of Adolf Hitler in an immense conspiracy against the very existence of the United States. But even more significant is the Department of Justice's attention to the methods which the German Nazis employed ever since 1923. We refer to their deliberate accentuation of racial and religious differences, their use of anti-Semitism and Negro-baiting, their fraudulent accent on Americanism in order to divide the nation and make it ready for conquest.

The question then arises of why such an open, world-wide conspiracy, initiated as far back as 1923, was not checked in its early stages? How was it that people like Elizabeth Dilling or Lawrence Dennis were able to do their seditious work not only unhampered, but even applauded and encouraged by powerful sections of the American public?

The "bill of particulars" leads to these questions without quite answering them. And the answer is now obvious.

These puppets of Germany made their way everywhere by pretending to be defenders of the "American way" against the nonexistent, alleged menace of "Communism." Just as their masters in Berlin corrupted most of Europe and very nearly came to domination of the entire world through the blinding bogey of the "Communist danger," so was the United States blinded and kept from stifling this conspiracy much earlier.

Congress appointed an investigating committee headed by Hamilton Fish in 1930, another headed by John McCormack in 1934, and still another by Martin Dies in recent years. But none of these committees really exposed the Nazis because they were doing exactly what the Nazis wanted them to do: frightening the country with the alleged "danger of Communism."

Thus, the actual menace of fascism was given a head start, was encouraged, and shielded. And of course, American Communists as well as progressives generally who discerned the true character of Hitler's method and aim were reviled, persecuted, ignored precisely as the Nazis desired.

The thirty defendants are for the most part small fry, petty although effective racketeers of the Brown Web. After so many delays, it is well to have this "bill of particulars" as an indication that the trial will soon be held. But it is plain as day that they could not have done the bidding of their Berlin taskmasters with such near success if there were not more powerful figures behind them.

Some of these backers have already exposed themselves by trying to have the trial of the seditionists postponed or quashed. There are those well-known Senators and Congressmen, like Gerald Nye of North Dakota who declared that these defendants were no more guilty of sedition than he himself. He thereby identified himself with the seditionists beyond a doubt.

The insidious Hearst, McCormick and Patterson newspapers are in the same category. Still deeper in the background are those most reactionary industrialists who financed and inspired these activities. They are well-known friends of the enemy and the outspoken enemies of our nation's friends in

this war. The web of treachery will not be finally shattered until their power is exposed to the light and the men themselves brought to the dock of outraged justice.

All this has pertinence and urgency for today. In the midst of the most grueling miles of our road to victory, the voices of Hitler's agents can still be heard. And their favorite weapon, the only one they have left, is still being used: the constant harping on a non-existent threat from our Soviet allies, the malicious maligning of American Communists.

This concession to the enemy, this use of his favorite technique still goes on. Many quarters who protest their support of our foreign policy and their friendship for the Soviet Union are constantly guilty of it. Before the Moscow and Tehran conferences, this kind of thing helped delay United Nations unity and postpone the coordination of our military efforts against the Nazi monster. Today, it can only serve to convince Hitler that he may still escape defeat and destruction.

A Sham and Deceit

FROM unexpected sources has now come condemnation of Dewey's fraudulent "state soldiers vote bill."

The same New York Times, which last week could discover no reason for a federal ballot law for our fighting men, yesterday expressed itself in opposition to the Dewey scheme. That measure is such a sham that even the Times cannot stomach it. What Dewey proposes, the Times is now obliged to say, "is inconsistent with any serious attempt to get a mass service vote in the coming election."

These editorial words of the New York newspaper, by which it also finally comes out for the Green-Lucas bill in Congress, bear out again what we have stated in regard to the Dewey proposal. It is devised for the purposes of deceit, to beat down the provisions for a genuine soldiers ballot represented in the Green-Lucas measure.

The New York Herald Tribune, too, had to admit as much in its editorial statement yesterday. Although drawing upon every partisan excuse to favor the Dewey bill, that paper had to break down and confess that it is "not ideal." Beyond that, the Herald Tribune made a further remarkable confession. The soldiers will actually be deprived en masse of their right to vote unless federal legislation is passed, it grants, since other states "unfortunately" are not likely to do even the feeble thing that New York has done.

That truth is also acknowledged by the Times, in coming out at this eleventh hour for the Green-Lucas federal measure, the only means by which the men in the foxholes and on our ships will get the vote. Unless that measure is passed, the Times now declares, an injustice will be done which "no soldier can or will forget."

The fact that the Times has been obliged to come around to this view can persuade us all of the great possibility that exists to defeat the present frauds upon the soldiers—both in Congress and as brought forward by Dewey. We all have a solemn duty to our fighting men and women and to the nation's democracy, to do still more than we have done toward beating the conference bill in both House and Senate.

Let us put before our Senators and our Representative, directly and decisively, the necessity for scrapping the conference fake scheme and for then passing the Green-Lucas bill.



THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

Post-War Trade Pacts

By Adam Lapin

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I HATE to quote Attorney General Francis Biddle with approval on anything. But a recent speech by Biddle pointed to the determination of important business and government circles to smash the German cartel system after the war.

Biddle proposed that private business agreements between concerns in different countries be made public, that steps be taken to prevent German industry from retaining the dominant position it achieved throughout Europe during the war and that German patents and inventions be thrown open to the world industry.

It seems to me that this general approach could win substantial support. But it would be extremely unfortunate if the preoccupation of some liberals with cartels would create any widespread impression that all the problems of international trade and business relations would be solved the moment the Nazi-dominated cartels are destroyed.

IT would be even more unfortunate if public suspicion were directed against all international agreements government, industrial and economic problems. As one of the major United Nations post-war problems, there remains the job of working out international agreements which will alleviate sharp economic conflicts, make raw materials generally accessible, promote trade and encourage full production throughout the world.

THE need for this kind of international agreement has become increasingly clear in the shipping industry where the spectre of large-scale post-war competition between British and American interests has begun to have an adverse effect on the war effort.

Shipping companies and exporters have for some time been putting on the heat in favor of immediate restoration of private shipping, particularly to Latin America. They point out that the submarine menace is licked and

that lend-lease and war shipments to Latin America are on the decline. What they are really thinking of is getting into the Latin American market in a hurry before the British get there.

The international conference now in prospect on post-war aviation and the forthcoming Anglo-American oil negotiations are steps in the right direction.

Frank Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine Institute, has been pretty frank about it.

"There is no time like the present to get going on re-establishing trade and shipping as a private and competitive business in so far as the war will allow," he said recently. "If we wait to settle the whole problem of foreign trade and the merchant marine as a national policy, we will be meeting our competitors with orders as we go in."

Admiral Howard Vickery of the Maritime Commission has been even more blatant in statements advocating American shipping supremacy over the British after the war.

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THE CIO Maritime Committee has pointed to the dangers of this situation in a recent issue of its weekly news letter. It has emphasized the risk of diverting some of our fleet to commercial operations at this time in terms both of immediate effect on the war and of relations between the United Nations. And it has indicated that centralized, pooled shipping resources might be needed after the war.

THE future peace depends on the abandonment of political nationalism and economic imperialism and autocracy," the Senators state. "Our policy before the war of making reciprocal trade agreements with individual countries was good policy.... Only by expanding such a policy and by doing it quickly can we forestall the growth of areas of economic disaffection which eventually enlarge into war."

AN approach of this sort is a healthy antidote both to those who gaily look forward to unrestricted competition with the British and to those who think that the breaking up of cartels will automatically solve all the complicated economic problems of the world.

Women Skilled Miners

Soviet Women—Heroes On Every War Front

By O. Mishakova
(By Wire from Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 9.—The following is a short note found on Lieutenant Alexandra Okineva who died the death of a hero: "I went to the front to defend my country. I wanted to wreak revenge on the Germans for the innumerable sorrow and suffering which they have brought upon our country. I had to kill them, for I realized and felt that life would mean nothing to me unless I could do so."

The machine-gunner Asya carries this note written by her sister Alexandra close to her heart and goes into battle with it to avenge her sister and her country.

On the 1st Baltic front, seventy-five girl snipers have accounted for 2,500 Germans in three months. One of them, Nina Galanina already has 62 Hitlerites to her score.

The Red Armymen and officers sing the praises of the Red Cross nurses. Maria Andechuk who has her private score to settle with the Germans—they murdered and tortured her father and small sister—was in action at Sevastopol where she rescued 73 wounded men. On the fields of Kuban she saved 65 men, at Perekop she saved 79. Although wounded herself three times, she returned each time to the battlefield.

Women Skilled Miners

Soviet industry, supplying the front with increasing military equipment, needs more coal, and women who formerly never went down into the pit have become skilled miners. They are not finding it easy, but they are justly proud of their achievements. Donets coal is going to the surface; the Don Basin, powerful center of Soviet industry, is arising from the ruins and ashes.

Many women and girls compose the "frontline" brigades at the factories and plants of the country's key industries. The young Muscovite Catherine Barashnikova is the initiator of the new movement, the wartime Stakhanovites. These production brigades release one-third and a half, and sometimes more, than other workers and are improving the reorganization of the increased productivity of labor with a large number of workers. In a little over a month these brigades have released more than 30,000 workers.

Women are playing a great role in agriculture. With part of the men at the front, the women have had to shoulder the weight of field work and the economic cares involved.

Take, for instance, the Kolomna district in the Moscow region. Prior to the war, only six women were chairmen of collective farms in this region. Today the figure is 31. As against 35 women brigades leaders, there are now 159.

Since the war the number of women tractor drivers and combine operators in the country has increased more than six times.

FULFILL FARM NEEDS

The young women patriots are doing just as good a job as the men at ploughing and harvesting. Despite the proximity of the front, the women tractor drivers of the Leningrad region were able to fulfill the 1943 plan 147 per cent.

Among the leading agricultural workers of Azerbaijan recently decorated by the government with orders and medals are no small number of women and girl cotton-pickers. The Uzbek collective farmer, Halishat Karimova of the Andizhan district daily picked from 150 to 200 kilograms of cotton and twelve tons in all during the season.

Since the outbreak of the war big strides forward have been made by the women of the Union Republics and the Caucasus and Central Asia.

The Soviet mother has served as a rich source of inspiration for many brilliant writers and painters. And it should never be forgotten that we are indebted to the mother for her heroism and courage, and for the heroism and courage of the Soviet people, for it is the mother who educates the children from their cradle days to love their country.

"My beloved Valya," wrote N. Khrushova to her son at the front, "I know you are brave. That is good. But take care of yourself; be cool-headed. The more you preserve your life, the greater damage you can cause the enemy."

"And if you will have to die, I know that you will die as befits a Young Communist. May the shadow of weakness never touch you. May you never lose your self-possession, even during inhuman torments. Grit your teeth and clench your fist and say to yourself: 'Away with weakness! I shall be courageous.' My dear Valya, I shall give me great happiness to be fighting alongside you!"

21st District and the Negro Vote

By James W. Ford

The results of the Congressional by-election in the Twenty-First District of New York on February 23 reveal strong dangers and lack of aggressiveness of the win-the-war, pro-Roosevelt forces which must be combat and overcome. The Democrats cannot be insensitive to the heroic efforts of Republicans to make headway among the Negro people.



The 21st District includes Washington Heights with a large Jewish and Irish population, a sizable Negro vote, and the solidly Negro populated 19th and 21st Assembly Districts of Harlem. The latter two A.D.'s constitute the heart of the new Congressional District (the new 22nd Congressional District formed by the New York State Legislature), which will elect a Negro representative to Congress this Fall. Considerable speculation is being made about the Negro vote in Harlem in the 1944 national elections for President Roosevelt.

SERIOUS THREAT

The Republicans feel highly encouraged and half the results of the election as an indication of a trend of the Negroes away from the Administration as the 1944 elections approach. This, of course, would be disastrous for the win-the-war forces, not only in New York but nationally among the Negro people.

AS I write I have before me more than a score of newspaper clippings which contain pointed comments, supported by statistics and wide news coverage, on the "favorable significance" of the election for the Republican Party, as for example, the following declarations of prominent officials:

Harold Spangler, chairman of the National Committee of the Republican Party, described the results as showing "a very decided trend away from the President and in favor of the Republican Party." The Secretary of New York State, Thomas J. Curran, chairman of the New York County Committee of the Republican Party, characterized the election as "a great Republican victory" which will go forward in steady, even progress until November.

The fact that the Times has been obliged to come around to this view can persuade us all of the great possibility that exists to defeat the present frauds upon the soldiers—both in Congress and as brought forward by Dewey. We all have a solemn duty to our fighting men and women and to the nation's democracy, to do still more than we have done toward beating the conference bill in both House and Senate.

Let us put before our Senators and our Representative, directly and decisively, the necessity for scrapping the conference fake scheme and for then passing the Green-Lucas bill.

In the recent election, however, the following is observed:

1) In the 19th and 21st A.D.'s,

the Republican candidate, Bennett, received 2,939 votes, and the Democratic candidate, Torrens, received only 1,283 votes—out of the combined Republican-Democratic vote cast. The Republican candidate thus carried these two solidly populated Negro districts by a little more than two-to-one against his Democratic rival.

2) The ALP vote in these two A.D.'s went to Torrens; the vote was 360, or less than 1 per cent of the total vote cast. The ALP vote was negligible in the light of the large progressive, pro-Roosevelt, win-the-war vote cast for candidates in the 1943 councilmanic and city elections.

3) In 1942, Judge Gavanagh, the successful Democratic Congressional candidate of that year, carried the 21st District by a plurality of 29,000 votes, against the Republican candidate. In the elections of 1940, over 65,000 ballots were cast for President Roosevelt.

4) The campaign was conducted on an extremely low political and organizational level by the Democratic Party forces. The Democratic candidate made few appearances and barely raised the vital issues of the war. In effect, he did harm to the war program by his neglect of these issues, and passed by the Commander-in-Chief's fight on the Soldier Vote Bill, the Tax Bill, the Subsidy Bill to reduce the cost of living and other vital issues. The ALP did very little more than the Democrats.

5) The win-the-war, progressive and labor forces among the Negro people, especially in the 19th and 21st A.D.'s failed to appreciate fully the relation of the election to the Fall election, and dangerously, almost by default, placed in jeopardy their chances this Fall.

6) The Republicans made a very strong organizational campaign. They undoubtedly enhanced their position. They made the campaign national, against President Roosevelt. Both Dewey and Wilkins intervened. Certain leaders used the

issue of the Negro people to their advantage, to the detriment of the Negro people.

Finally, it should go without saying that the democratic, patriotic national unity forces must begin now to remedy the weaknesses revealed in the February by-election and organize the people for a fourth term for President Roosevelt and for full rights for the Negro people.

THERE MUST BE UNITY OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE, THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS BEHIND THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE GIGANTIC

task of defeating the Hitlerites.

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ALEX LEITH wrote in the Daily Worker:

"The Republican Party forces in Albany are engaged in a massacre of vitally needed social legislation. They have two ideas in mind as part of their political strategy: first, they are of course, bitterly opposed to any progressive legislation in general, and secondly, the New York State Republicans feel that if they kill social legislation now during the Lehman administration they will be in a position to pose as a party of reform and improvement in the crucial 1940 elections."

MOSCOW—Every train arriving in Moscow is bringing delegates to the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which opens Friday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

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